MINUTES

OF THE

German Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

Convened in Lancaster, in the week of Trinity, from the 21st to the 26th day of May, A. D. 1842.

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CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

Pursuant to resolution of the preceding Synod, the Ministers and Representatives of their congregations met in the city of Lancaster, May the 22nd, 1842, to transact the synodical and ministerial business of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, &c.

In the morning Rev. C. Miller, President of the Ministerium, preached in Trinity Church in the German language, text 2 Tim. ii. 15.

The Secretary preached in the afternoon in the English language, from Matt. xv. 28, and Mr. Stork in the evening from 1 Cor. ii. 2.

The evening previous Pastor F. Ruthrauff preached in the English language from John vii. 46.

In Zions Church: Rev. Hæsbært in the morning from 1 Pet. iv. 8—11. Rev. Fisher in the afternoon from John xii. 35. Rev. Peixoto in the evening, text Heb. x. 23.

In the Moravian Church, Rev. Mr. Peixoto preached in the morning on 1 John v, 14.

In the Reformed Church: Rev. J. Jæger preached in the forenoon in German from Matt. xi. 20. Pastor Finkel in the evening in English, from Is. lv. 11. Professor Reynolds in the Presbyterian Church on Matt. vi. 10.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, May 23rd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The President opened the session with a hymn and prayer.

The roll being called by the Secretary, the following Clergymen answered to their names, viz.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS.	THEIR RESIDENCE.
Doctor *J. Miller*,	Reading.
" *W. G. Ernst*,	Lebanon.
Pastor *Bætis, (Senior)*,	Lancaster.
Doctor *J. C. Becker*,	Lancaster.
Pastor *J. P. Hemping*,	Berryburg, Dauphin co.
" *J. J. Strein*,	Lancaster.
" *C. Miller*,	New Hanover, Montg. co.

Pastor	*Stecher,*	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.
"	*S. Trumbauer,*	Leacock, Lancaster co.
Doctor	*C. R. Demme,*	Philadelphia.
Pastor	*G. A. Reichardt,*	Philadelphia.
"	*Fr. Ruthrauff,*	Chester Springs.
"	*G. Jæger,*	Hamburg.
"	*G. Heilig.*	Blue Bell, Montg. co.
"	*Abele,*	Williamsport.
"	*J. W. Eyer,*	Catawissa, Col. co.
"	*J. W. Richards,*	Germantown.
"	*Jon. Ruthrauff,*	Lebanon.
"	*H. S. Miller,*	Trappe, Montg. co.
"	*C. P. Miller,*	Brickersville, Lanc. co.
"	*J. Jæger,*	Allentown.
"	*J. Rœller,*	Kutztown.
"	*Schulze,*	Williamsport.
"	*Jer. Schindel,*	Kerns, Lehigh co.
"	*E. Peixoto.*	Sumnytown.
"	*F. D. Finkel,*	Germantown.
"	*J. Hæsbært,*	Baltimore.
"	*C. F. Welden,*	Kimberton.
"	*C. W. Schæffer,*	Harrisburg.
"	*F. Schmidt,*	Pittsburg.
Prof.	*Reynolds,*	Gettysburg.
Pastor	*Mærtz,*	Lingelstown, Dauphin co.
"	*W. Minnig,*	Pottsville.
"	*C. F. Stœver,*	Milton.
"	*D. Kohler.*	Kutztown.
"	*C. A. Griebler,*	Rothrocks, Berks co.
"	*J. P. Schindel,*	Middleburg, U. co.
"	*A. T. Geissenhainer,*	Orwigsburg.
"	*Gerhart,*	Elisabethtown.
"	*Gockelin,*	Friedensburg, Schuylkill co.
"	*Friederich,*	Trexlertown.
"	*Georgii.*	Lehighton.
"	*F. R. Anspach,*	Barren Hill.

The following Clergymen were absent, viz.

Pastor	*Hecht,*	with excuse.
"	*Ulrich,*	do.
"	*Meendsen,*	without excuse.

Pastor	*J. P. Schindel,*	with excuse.
"	*Probst,*	do.
"	*G. Minnig,*	do.
"	*B. German,*	without excuse.
"	*Stein.*	with excuse.
"	*J. Bahl,*	do.
"	*W. B. Kæmmer,*	without excuse.
"	*J. D. Gross,*	with excuse.
"	*Binninger,*	do.
"	*M. Herpel,*	do.
"	*Dietzsch,*	do.
"	*Fuchs,*	without excuse.
"	*Minner,*	do.
Cand.	*Hursch,*	do.
"	*Nuelsen,*	with excuse.
"	*Erle,*	do.

The following Gentlemen presented their credentials and took their seats as members of Synod.

Mr. G. Bæuerly,	*Zions Church,*	*Lancaster.*
" G. Musser,	*Trinity Church,*	*Lancaster.*
" M. Lenkert,		*Berryburg.*
" G. Braun,		*Columbia.*
" J. Gilbert,		*New Hanover.*
" G. Schreiner,		*Leacock.*
" A. Hoffman,		*Philadelphia.*
" Ch. Fœll,		*Philadelphia.*
" G. Hartman,		*Pikeland.*
" J. Eyer,		*Catawissa.*
" Fred. Flemins,	*Michael's Church,*	*Germantown.*
" Henry Eba,		*Lebanon.*
" Jonas Boorse,		*Trappe.*
" J. Weis,		*Williamsport.*
" J. Gackenbach,		*Lehigh county.*
" G. Billger,		*Indian Field.*
" Th. Hadden,	*Engl. Luth. Cong.*	*Germantown.*
" Geo. Christman,		*Vincent.*
" Peter Keller,		*Harrisburg.*
" Paul Lingel,		*Lingelstown.*
" D. Frehn,		*Pottsville.*
" Chr. Gosch, jun.,		*Milton.*

Mr. C. Hassinger,	*Middleburg,*
" F. Fried,	*Orwigsburg.*
" James Bryon,	*Elisabethtown.*
" Peter Schwartz,	*Friedensburg.*
" George Horn,	*Lehighton.*

Pastor Ulrich appeared as a Delegate of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and was admitted to a seat.

Rev. Mr. Lehman, of Ohio, was received as an advisory member.

The President now handed in his annual report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Rev. Synod of Pennsylvania, convened in Lancaster, in Trinity week, 1842.

Respected Brethren!

Pursuant to a former resolution of this Body, I have the honor to report the following as my official acts, during the past Synodical year.

At the close of our last annual meeting in Harrisburg, Mr. William Laitzel, a student in Gettysburg, applied to me, for permission to visit certain vacant congregations in Dauphin county, during the course of the year and occasionally to preach for them. I consented to his doing so.

July 1st. A young man, named Carl Bauer, came to me, recommended by Pastor Peixoto, praying for a licence ad interim until the present meeting of Synod; inasmuch however as he had but recently arrived from Europe, and was unable to present the required testimonials, I felt myself unauthorized to comply with his wish, notwithstanding he had made the most favorable impression on me. Paper marked A.

July 13th. Mr. Ernest Augustus Bauer called on me, recommended by Pastor Jeremiah Schindel, with a similar wish, to obtain licence ad interim. Pastor Schindel having stated to me, that Mr. Bauer had lived with him two years and, in every respect, conducted himself in an exemplary manner, I consented to his wish, after having first examined him as to his theological acquirements, and gave him licence ad interim, under the supervision of Pastor Schindel. Marked B.

July 21st. Received a letter from Condidate Gockelin, asking permission to visit and take charge of some vacant congregations in his neighborhood. I gave him the permission. Marked C.

August 4th. I received a letter from Pastor Joshua Jæger, containing heavy charges against the uncalled for interference of Pastor

German in his congregation, and praying me, as an officer of the Synod, to use my endeavors toward stopping such proceedings. I accordingly wrote to Brother German, requesting him in a friendly manner, to avoid whatever might give offence. Marked D.

September 8th. Received a letter from Pastor Dietsch, informing me, that he had taken charge of the congregations in Tioga county, formerly under the care of Brother Peixoto.

September 25th. Pastor F. Hermann, lately from Europe, called on me, and showed me his certificate of ordination, together with a recommendation signed by worthy men, certifying as to his attainments and character; he desired a recommendation from me to vacant congregations, which I gave him on the grounds of his recommendation from Europe.

September 30. Mr. William Laitzel, before mentioned, called on me, with a recommendation from Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Professor in the Seminary at Gettysburg, together with a call from three congregations in Dauphin county, and desired a licence ad interim, until the meeting of Synod. I consented to his wish.

November 3th. Received a letter from Pastor Beilharz, stating that he had left his congregations in Seneca county, N. Y., and was then, with his family, on the way to Tiffin, where he purposed in future to labor in the Lord's vineyard, that his former congregations anxiously desired a teacher from our connexion, and that he depended on soon receiving an honorable dismissal, as he purposed attaching himself to the Synod of Ohio. Marked E.

I sent him the required dismissal.

November 30th. Received a letter, per Rev. Dr. Demme, from Mesrs. Jacob Kistler and David Clewell, New York, who state that they had been for some time destitute, but were at present served by Pastor Eisenlord, they express the wish, to be distinctly informed of the answer given by Synod to the question of Pastor Beilharz: Can a Lutheran minister conscientiously admit to the Holy supper, professed members of our Church, who were confirmed by so called New Lutheran ministers without instruction, except after previous examination? In answer, I sent them a copy of our minutes. Mark. F.

December 3rd. I received a letter from Rev. Candidate Friederich, in which he states that certain troubles existed in his congregations and wishes my advice in reference to them; which I conscientiously imparted to him. Marked G.

February 3rd. Received a letter from Pastor Gross, informing me that he had taken charge of the former congregations of Pastor

Beilharz, that his address in future is Fayette, Seneca co., N. Y. and purposes remaining a member of this Body. Marked H.

February 28th. Received information from Pastor Sprecher, that he had accepted a call from Martinsburg, Va., that he was on the point of moving thither, and intending to attach himself to that Synod, he desired a dismissal. His request was complied with. Marked I.

May 12th. I received a letter from Pastor Gross, stating, that as he had passed but a few weeks in his new field of labor, he prays to be excused for absence from Synod this time, and again expresses the wish of his congregations and himself, to remain in their present connexion.

In conclusion, Brethren! let us love Jesus, as he also hath loved us, and he will perform his promise and grant his Spirit unto us, that our deliberations and resolves may tend to his glory and his Church's blessing.

C. MILLER.

On motion of Pastor Schulze, seconded by Dr. Ernst,

Resolved: that the above report be accepted.

On motion, *resolved:* that Prof. Schmucker, D. D., and Pastors Fischer, Willox, Heck, Stork, Scheurer, Lochman, and Rev. Bahnsen of the Moravian Church, be received as advisory members.

The President announced the expiration of the officers' terms, and appointed Messrs. Peixoto and Hoffman to superintend the election.

The election resulted in the choice of

PASTOR C. MILLER, *President.*
PASTOR H. S. MILLER, *Secretary.*
DR. J. C. BECKER, *Treasurer.*

The President now called for the papers directed to the Synod; the names of the Clerical and lay members being called their papers were handed in.

Brother Finkel prayed leave, to lay before Synod a certain memorial, but not being in the regular order of business it was

Resolved: that said memorial and a certain circular to be numbered 1 and 2 be referred to the First committee to report thereon this afternoon.

Dr. Mayer of Philadelphia appeared as the Delegate of the Synod of New York, and was admitted to a seat and vote.

Rev. Mr. Glassner, Delegate of the German Reformed Church, was introduced and admitted to a seat.

The President announced that any verbal communications might now be made.

The Rev. Christian Schulze, stated that the Berg congregation in Lebanon county, through their Delegate, lodged complaint against Pastor Jonathan Ruthrauff.

The Brethren Stohlman, of New York, Brandau of Boston, and Mealy of Philadelphia were received as advisory members.

The papers addressed to Synod 26 in all were numbered by the Secretary and by the President referred to 5 different committees.

The *First* Committee consisted of Rev. Dr. Demme, Pastors Hæsbært, Bætis, and Messrs. Christian Fell and George Christman.

The *Second* committee of Rev. Dr. Ernst, Pastors Hemping, Stein, and Messrs. George Musser and Michael Lenkert.

The *Third* of Rev. Dr. Miller, Pastors J. W. Richards, Rœller, and Messrs. George Braun und George Hartman.

The *Fourth* of Pastors Schulze, F. Ruthrauff, Eyer, and Messrs. Jacob Gilbert and Jonas Borse.

The *Fifth* of Pastors E. Peixoto, J. Jæger, F. D. Finkel, and Messrs. Jacob Weis and Jacob Gackenbach.

The following committees were appointed to report on minutes.

On the minutes of the Western District of Ohio and of South Carolina: Messrs. Jer. Schindel and Kohler.

The Lutheran Synod of the West and West Pennsylvania: Messrs. Jon. Ruthrauff and Stœver.

North Carolina and the English Synod of Ohio: Messrs. Welden and Griebler.

The Synods of New York and Maryland: Messrs. Schmidt and Mærtz.

The Eastern District of Ohio and Hartwick Synods: Messrs. Reynolds and Minnig.

On motion of Dr. Becker

Resolved: That the Rev. Mr. Basset, agent of the American Sunday School Union, be permitted to address the Synod.

Having concluded his remarks Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Ernst.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 3 o'clock P. M.

Session opened with singing and prayer by Pastor Schulze.

On motion, *resolved* that the reading of this morning's proceedings be dispensed with.

Resolved: that the President appoint a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts. Messrs. Geissenhainer, Kohler, and Hoffman were appointed.

The President announced that applicants might now present themselves.

Mr. A. Bauer appeared as such and handed in his testimonials.

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Pastors Stecher and Strein, to examine the last year's minutes and report on the unfinished business.

The First committee not being prepared, the Second reported.

The report of the Second committee was accepted for consideration.

No. 6. Is a letter from Br. Dietzsch, stating that bodily infirmity and a want of pecuniary means prevented his appearance at Synod—prays for 50 Dollars from the legacies in behalf of Friedens congregation, towards building a church, and also incloses his parochial report.

Resolved: that Br. Dietzsch be excused, and as respects his petition, he be referred to the President.

No. 7. A letter from the Church Councils of Mr. Dietzch's congregations containing favorable testimonials for him.

Synod rejoices thereat.

No. 8. Is a letter from Dr. Morris of Baltimore, excusing his non-attendance at our Synod as Delegate, and stating the reasons for not appearing—he further mentions that he forwarded several copies of the minutes of the Synod of Maryland per hands of Br. Hæsbært. The committee moved that this letter be read—which was accordingly done—and

Resolved: that it be laid on the table.

No. 9. Is a letter from Pastor M. Herpel, excusing his absence, without however stating any reason, and giving his parochial report.

Resolved: that his request be not complied with.

No. 10. Is a letter from Fedderhoff's congregation, Dauphin co., signed by fourteen members, in which they make complaints against Mr. W. Laitzel for introducing the so called new measures, and pray Synod to investigate the matter.

Referred until the Third committee report.

Rev. B. Keller of the West-Pennsylvania Synod was received as an advisory me nber.

The Third committee reported. On motion of Br. Peixoto

Resolved: that the report be accepted for consideration.

No. 11. Is a letter from the congregations of the Rev. Mr. Hemping, in which they thank Synod for not joining the General-Synod—they state their views of the new measures and pray for the expression of the views of this Synod—they transmit $44 70 cents with directions how to be appropriated.

Your committee is of opinion that the letter should be read.

This was done and on motion of Br. Schmidt

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Laitzel. Rev. Dr. Ernst, Dr. Miller, Pastor Peixoto and Mr. Eba compose the committee. The subject of new measures was for the present laid on the table.

No. 12. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Ulrich, excusing his absence from Synod on account of sickness in his family.

Resolved: that Mr. Ulrich be excused.

No. 13. Is a letter from the Evangelical Lutheran church in Jackson township, in reference to their minister Mr. W. Laitzel.

Resolved: that this letter be referred to the committee appointed above.

No. 14. First is a letter from Rev. Mr. Bahl, excusing his absence on account of sickness in his family.

Resolved: that Mr. Bahl be excused.

Second, is a letter from Rev. Mr. Binninger, excusing his absence on account of age and infirmity, and communicating to the Synod much with regard to himself and his congregations. The committee is of the opinion, that this letter be read before Synod. This was done accordingly. And on motion of Br. Peixoto, seconded by Dr. Mayer

Resolved: that Synod has listened to the communication of Mr. Binninger with heartfelt sympathy, commends this dear Brother to the grace of God, and exhorts him to continue a faithful and sympathyzing friend of his congregations and his successor, during life.

No. 15. Is a letter from the Evangelical Lutheran church in Hallifax, Dauphin county, signed by seven members—of similar contents to No. 13. Also referred to the above committee.

The First committee now reported in part.

No. 1. Is a memorial, signed by several members of this Synod and others, in which the prayer for a division of this Synod is expressed. Your committee have noticed this application with regret, regarding the consequences of a compliance therewith, as highly detrimental to the peace of the Church and the cause of

Christianity at large. The committee therefore express the wish, that Synod allow those Brethren an opportunity, once more maturely to consider their purpose. In this wish the committee are actuated partly from respect and affection for these Brethren, partly with the hope that they will be induced to withdraw their application, as the committee entertain the assured hope that Synod will satisfy every just grievance on their part.

No. 2. Is a printed circular, on the formation of a new Synod in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, addressed to the ministers and congregations of the Synod of Pennsylvania. Having reference to No. 1 the committee consider a particular report on this unnecessary, after the above.

Resolved: that both papers be read.—This was done accordingly, and further

Resolved: that the subject be deferred until to morrow morning.

Resolved: that we adjourn, to meet again to morrow at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Br. Hemping.

In the evening, Pastor Schæffer preached on Gal. iii. 23.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 8 o'clock A. M.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Br. Fischer.

Pastor Eyer and delegate obtained leave of absence.

The President appointed Pastor Peixoto, a member of the examining committee, vice Br. Schindel, sen., absent.

Dr. Demme, Chairman of the committee on the Liturgy, asked and obtained leave to report.

The report was satisfactory and adopted.

Resolved: that each member of the committee be presented with a copy of the Liturgy.

Resolved: that the committee, on the Liturgy and Ministerial-Ordnung, be dismissed and receive the thanks of Synod for the zeal and fidelity with which they performed the work.

Pastor G. Jæger, Mr. Gockelin and Delegate appeared.

The subject of the memorial No. 1 was now brought forward.

Several Brethren who had signed the memorial stepped forward and desired that their names might be stricken therefrom—this was done with pleasure. But to our great sorrow the rest persisted in the demand for a separation.

The matter was discussed in a fraternal and feeling manner. The Fathers and older Brethren of the Synod, as well as our highly esteemed visitor, Rev. Dr. Mayer, represented the probable injurious consequences of a separation, to the peace of the Church and the cause of Christianity at large, and referred to divisions which had already taken place in our's as also in a sister church.

At the desire of Prof. Reynolds and some others,

Resolved: that the letter of Br. Schindel, sen., and that of his congregation, marked 3 and 4, be read. This was done, and on motion of Dr. Mayer

Resolved: that they be laid on the table.

On motion of Br. Hæsbært, seconded by Br. Peixoto,

Resolved: that Synod can in no wise consent to a division of this Body, but should any Brethren consider it desirable to separate from us, an honorable dismissal as individuals shall be given them if they so request.

Several papers handed in were referred to a Sixth committee, consisting of Pastor G. Jæger, Dr. Becker and Mr. Biegler, with instructions to report in the afternoon.

Session closed with prayer by Pastor J. Jaeger.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock P. M.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Pastor Abele.

The proceedings of the morning were read, and adopted.

The First committee proceeded to report.

Nos. 3 and 4 were referred to Synod.

No. 5. Is a letter from the Vestry of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Reading, complaining of a certain Mr. Schoch, Candidate of the West-Pennsylvania Synod, who has intruded himself upon the congregation, causing schism and unpleasant feeling, and this it would appear, with the approbation of the President of the Synod of West-Pennsylvania. The Vestry therefore pray Synod, to know whether this be in accordance with the usages of the different Synods. Your committee move that Synod answer this question "that it is not."

Br. Haesbaert observed, that he had recently conversed with the President of the West-Pennsylvania Synod, who stated that he had given Mr. Schoch decided instructions to leave Reading, inasmuch as his preaching there was disorderly.

Resolved: that the officers of Synod write and inform the President of the Synod of West-Pennsylvania, that Mr. Schoch had not acted in accordance with the above instructions.

No. 3. Is the letter of Mr. Schindel—which was laid on the table—as far as it related to his absence it was called up, and

Resolved: that Br. Schindel be excused.

The Examining committee reported that they had examined the testimonials of Mr. Bauer, and found them satisfactory, therefore moved, that Mr. Bauer be admitted to an examination.

The motion was carried.

Pastor Wolle of the Moravian Church in Lititz, was received as an advisory member.

The Fourth committee reported.

Resolved: that the report be accepted, but further consideration thereof referred until the Fifth committee report on No. 26.

The Fifth committee reported.

No. 26. Containing several letters from a number of members of the congregation in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, bearing heavy charges against their Pastor Mr. Gerhart, and the designing control exercised over the church property by the new Vestry, which in their opinion, has not been lawfully elected.

The committee move, that Synod appoint a special committee, to confer with the Delegates from this congregation, and if possible, remove the existing difficulties.

Resolved: that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter. Pastor Beaty, Schaeffer and Mr. Fœll were nominated.

The Report of the Fourth committee was accepted for consideration.

No. 16. Is a letter from the church councils of the congregations of Candidate Erle, containing 1st a favorable testimony as to his conduct and recommending him to the Synod for support.

Synod rejoices in the testimony.

2nd is a petition to Synod to excuse the absence of their minister; as the reasons they state the great distance, and expence attending the journey.

3rd is a paper from Candidate Erle to the President, likewise excusing his absence and wishing Synod the divine blessing, he further prays for the renewal of his license and a copy of the Constitution, and concludes with the question; whether a minister may

accept as sponsors, persons not themselves confirmed, though they have had the opportunity of being so.

Resolved: that Mr. Erle be excused—the petition for renewal of license referred to the Ministerium—and he be directed to the Liturgy for the answer to his question.

No. 17. Is a letter from Pastor Wagenhals on behalf of the Directors of the Seminary of Columbus, recommending said institution to the attention and interest of Synod. Your committee are of the opinion that this letter be read. This was done and the Rev. W. Lehmann, agent for the Seminary, being present, it was

Resolved: that he be permitted verbally to state to Synod, the wishes of the Directors. When on motion of Dr. Demme

Resolved: that Synod regards the Theological Seminary of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ohio as an institution worthy of our sympathy and support, and therefore herewith recommend it to all churches in our connexion, and wish the Rev. W. Lehmann, agent for the Seminary, a friendly reception in the same.

A paper was handed to the President, and read; signed by J. Stork and stating that a new Synod had been organized.

Resolved: that this paper be laid on the table.

No. 18. Is a paper from the church councils of Trexlerstown, Lynntown, Weissenburg and Lowhill, containing favorable testimony for Mr. C. A. Bauer, and praying Synod to grant him a license as Candidate. Your committee are of the opinion that this letter be transferred to the Examining committee.

Resolved: that it be handed over to the Examining committee.

No. 19. Contains the reports of the conferences in the sixth district, from which it appears that two conferences were held in the above district, one in Williamsport, Lycoming county, the other in Lewisburg, Union county.

1) In the first a difficulty in the congregation of Williamsport, arising from the sale of church property, was settled.

2) The Synod is respectfully requested, to recommend the congregations of Candidate Erle to the Missionary society.

3) Synod is intreated to call in the Reports of the different Conferences and hand them to one or more committees, that they may receive the attention they merit.

The Second report of the Conference, held in Lewisburg, contains the wish, expressed by a part of the Williamsport congregation, for

certain reasons to form a seperate congregation. Conference makes no objections to the measure.

No. 20. Is a letter from Pastor Minnig, stating that much labor and bodily infirmity prevented his attendance at Synod, and prays to be excused.

Resolved: that Mr. Minnig be excused.

The Fifth committee reported.

Report was accepted for consideration.

No. 21. Is a letter, giving favorable testimony to Pastor W. G. Minnig by his congregations, and stating an objection to one article in our Ministerial-Ordnung.

The committee would here offer the resolution

That Synod rejoice at the favorable testimony; but as respects the objection stated to a paragraph in our Ministerial-Ordnung, Synod would have the congregations to observe, that this Ministerial-Ordnung has been fully adopted by Synod, and that all members in our connexion are required to comply with its provisions, until otherwise altered in a constitutional way.

The resolution of the committee was adopted.

No. 22. Is a letter from the Vestry of Jordan's church in Wabash county, Illinois, stating

a) that they are destitute of a minister, and expressing the wish to be supplied with one by our Synod.

b) desiring information as to the names of the subscribers of a certain offensive paper, supposed to have been addressed to this Synod.

c) stating with regret, that they are unable alone to support a Pastor and therefore praying assistance from us.

d) and asking for the Minutes of the present meeting of Synod.

Your committee would move, in reference to

a) that this congregation be commended to the notice of our Brethren.

b) that the committee have nothing to report in reference to this point being entirely ignorant of any thing relating thereto;

c) that we recommend the congregation to our Missionary society.

d) that the Secretary send them several copies of our Minutes.

The above resolutions were carried.

No. 23. Is a letter from Candidate C. Friedrich, stating causes of grievance against Rev. J. Schindel and B. German.

Your committee move, that Synod appoint a committee, before

which the Brethren J. Schindel and Friedrich may come to an understanding and reconciliation. With the respect to the complaints against Mr. German the committee do not feel authorized to take any action, Br. German not being present.

The resolution of the committee was accepted, and a committee appointed consisting of Messrs. Hemping, Hæsbært, and Peixoto.

No. 24. Contains different weighty charges and countercharges of Pastor F. Ruthrauff against his congregation and the congregation against him, respecting several important violations of the charter and of the call to Fr. Ruthrauff as Pastor, and signed by him; both parties appealing to their charter.

On motion *resolved:* that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter. The President nominated Dr. J. Miller, Pastors Schmidt, Richards, and Messrs. Gilbert and Jones Boorse.

Session closed with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Mayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by Br. Stœver.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Professor Reynolds presented a paper and on motion it was

Resolved: that it be read. The contents were the resignation of Messrs. F. Ruthrauff, Jon. Ruthrauff, Professor Reynolds, G. Hellig and F. R. Anspach, with the request for an honorable dismissal.

Action on this was for the present postponed.

The committee instructed to investigate the matter of Mr. W. Laitzel have the honor to present the following report to the Rev. Synod.

The charges advanced, and acknowledged by Mr. Laitzel as being, some wholly, others partially correct, are the following:

1. That he had declared on the pulpit, that our Body consisted of more than sixty members, of whom about thirty were intemperate, immoral, and deniers of Christ.

2. That he had said, he would declare war against the Synod.

3. That he had further maintained, that in the neighborhood (in which he has been stationed for some time,) the Holy supper had not been rightly celebrated during more than thirty years.

4. That he had introduced the new measures in his churches.

On these charges Mr. Laitzel plead the following:

On charge No. 1. That he had greatly erred in advancing such

statements which he could not substantiate with a single reason, and that he was willing to recall these untrue expressions.

On No. 2. That he had said this with reference to our new Ministerial-Ordnung, which he could not sign.

On No. 3. That he had said this, not with respect to the administering Pastor, but to the communicants.

On No. 4. That before his election, he had declared to the congregations, he would, in case of being elected, certainly introduce the new measures.

On consideration of the above the committee would take the liberty to offer the following resolutions.

1) That Synod make it obligatory on Mr. Laitzel, before his congregations publicly to retract the calumnies contained in charge No. 1, and confess that he had greatly erred in uttering such untrue accusations against our Body.

2) That, in case he should apply for a renewal of his license, and for reception into this Body, they be refused him, as long as he shall not have changed his views in accordance with the principles of this Synod on Nos. 2 and 4.

The above resolutions were read and adopted with an amendment by Br. Stœver—that we deeply regret, that a Candidate licensed ad interim by our President, and who never yet had appeared among us, could make use of such hard expressions.

Dr. Demme presented to the President the revised Ministerial-Ordnung, and the manuscript of the Liturgy—he made some observations on the Ministerial-Ordnung, and on motion offered by him it was

Resolved: That an opportunity be afforded to any member of this Body, who may desire an alteration in any article of our Ministerial-Ordnung, or connect therewith an explanitory note, to lay his wish before Synod, this afternoon, in the form of a written resolution, and that such resolutions as have the constitutional support, lay over for action until the next meeting of the Synod.

The committee, instructed to reconcile the differences between Pastor Schindel and Candidate Friedrich, have the honor to report: that to their great joy, this object has been attained, inasmuch as a mere verbal misunderstanding had been the cause of unpleasant feelings.

In this Synod rejoices.

The committee, instructed to investigate the matter between Pastor

Gerhart and the Elizabethtown congregation, reported: that owing to a deficiency of testimony they had referred the case to the Conference of the District which was soon to meet in that place.

The Sixth committee having charge of the papers presented at a later period, reported.

No. 1. Is the excuse of Br. J. Stein of Jonestown for absence.

Brother Stein was excused.

No. 2. Is a letter from Pastor Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt however being present, the reading was dispensed with.

On motion of Br. Peixoto

Resolved: that Synod recall the recommendation given to the Lutheran Observer at its session in Germantown.

A committee was appointed to examine the President's accounts, consisting of Rev. Dr. Ernst, Pastor Richards and Mr. Musser.

Resolved: that a Ministerial session be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Pastor Welden.

SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Senior, W. Bætis.

Resolved: that an ordination take place this evening, and that Messrs. Gockelen, Friedrich and Georgii be ordained.

On motion of Br. Hæsbært

Resolved: that Pastor Brandau of Boston, be received as a member of this Ministerium.

On motion of Dr. Demme

Resolved: that Pastor S. A. Mealy of Philadelphia be received a member of this Ministerium.

Resolved: that, in case, the Examining committee, report to the President, that they recommend Mr. Bauer to the Ministerium, he receive a license this evening.

SIXTH SESSION.

Dr. Mayer, Delegate from the Synod of New York obtained leave to withdraw.

Br. Richards, our Delegate to the Synod of New York, reported that he had been present there, and received with much kindness and

friendship by the Brethren, but that illness had prevented his making a longer stay.

The Sixth committee reported

On No. 2. Is a letter from the Rev. Pastor Schmidt of Pittsburg, stating that several Synods had expressed disapprobation of the Kirchenzeitung, and passed resolutions to the effect.

Mr. Schmidt desires to know whether our Synod entertains the same views with the others; in which case he thinks it proper, to resign the paper into the hands of the Synod.

Your committee move that this letter be read before the Body. This was done, when it was

Resolved: That we as a Synod do not entertain the views, which some Synods who have expressed disapprobation of the Kirchenzeitung hold in reference thereto.

Br. Mealy obtained leave.

On motion of Dr. Demme

Resolved: that we regard the existence of our Kirchenzeitung as highly desirable, inasmuch as it promises to exercise a happy influence in the preservation of pure doctrine and genuine active Christianity in the Church.

That influenced by this persuasion, we pledge ourselves as ministers to do all in our power to promote the interests of the Kirchenzeitung and request our Brethren the Lay Delegates to aid us in this purpose.

No. 25 was called up for action.

Is a memorial from the congregation in Millerstown, Lebanon county, stating that they had elected Mr. Leonhard Heilig as a Delegate to this Synod, to pray Synod to take some measures in reference to an election for a minister in place of Pastor Jon. Ruthrauff dismissed by the votes of the congregation.

The committee move, that Synod call the Delegate and distinctly learn from him the wishes of the congregation.

This was done and thereupon

Resolved: that a committee be appointed in the name of the Synod to proceed to Millerstown, and investigate and if possible decide the case.

The committee consist of Rev. Bœtis, Dr. Becker, Messrs. Musser and Heinitsch.

The committee on the case of St. Peters church in Chester county, reported.

The committee to which were referred certain papers in relation to the exclusion of twelve members of St. Peters church in Chester county by the Vestry, of said congregation, after mature and careful consideration of the subject according to the written and verbal testimony presented, have the honor to report.

That they deeply regret the melancholy situation of said congregation, and are of the opinion, that it is to be attributed to the minister of the congregation, Pastor Fr. Ruthrauff, inasmuch as he did not fulfil the stipulations contained in his call. Your committee are also of the opinion that the exclusion of said twelve men, is at variance with the spirit as well as the usages of this Synod.

Resolved: that this report be adopted.

The committee on the minutes of the Synods of Maryland and New York, have the honor to report:

The Synod of Maryland met in Hagerstown, Md., October 16th. Officers of the Synod: Rev. J. P. Klein, President, Rev. S. S. Harkey, Secretary, Rev. Ezra Keller, Treasurer. Your committee learn from the minutes, that our Delegate Pastor Hæsbært appeared and was received as an advisory member. Although a circumstance, relating to this Synod is contained in said proceedings, the committee can only report in reference thereto, to pass it by in silence.

The Ministerium of the state of New York, convened at Saddle River, New Jersey, Oct. 11th, 1841. Present: twenty ordained Pastors and four candidates; absent: ten ordained ministers and one candidate. The officers are Rev. H. R. Pohlman, President, Rev. W. D. Strobel, Secretary. Our Delegate Pastor Richards appeared and was admitted to a seat and vote. Your committee perceive with pleasure, that on motion of Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer, this Synod adopted the following resolution: Resolved, that we earnestly recommend, the enlarged and improved edition of the Liturgy of the Synod of Pennsylvania, to our German Clergymen, to be used in their official labors and in public worship. Your committee close with the sincere wish, that the close, fraternal and affectionate relation, which has so long connected this Synod with the Ministerium of the State of New York, may continue uninterruptedly to subsist.

The report was adopted.

Resolved: that a committee of two members be appointed, during the current year to correspond with the Directors of the Seminary in Columbus, as to the manner and to what extent this Body might enter into connexion with said institution.

Rev. Dr. Demme and Pastor G. A. Reichardt were appointed on the committee.

The President announced, that Brethren might now offer their resolutions for amendments of the Constitution.

Dr. Demme presented two, and Pastor Kohler one, which were laid on the table, in pursuance of a resolution, to be called up for action at the next meeting of Synod.

The committee on the President's accounts, reported that they had examined and found them perfectly correct.

The report was adopted.

Reports on Minutes of Sister Synods.

No. 1. The committee on Minutes of the Hartwick Synod, &c., have the honor to report: that having examined the minutes they found nothing having special relation to this Synod; the annual session was held in West Camp, Ulster county, September 4th, 1841. Present: 11 Clergymen, absent: one. The officers are: Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D., President, Rev. L. Sternberg, Secretary, and Rev. A. Crownse, Treasurer. The parochial reports embrace 21 congregagations; baptized 373; confirmed 276; communed 3744; Sunday schools 30.

No. 2. Minutes of the Eastern District of Ohio. Synod met in Butler, September, 1841. Officers: Pastor C. G. Schweitzerbarth, President, D. Rothacker, Secretary, H. Malsheimer, Treasurer. Rev. H. P. R. Müller, formerly a member of this Body, was ordained and admitted a member of the Synod. Parochial reports: congregations 60; baptized 932; confirmed 7243; buried 156; Sunday schools 8; weekday schools 3.

Report was accepted.

Report on Minutes of the Synods of South Carolina and Western District of Ohio.

1) South Carolina. This Synod met in Ebenezar, Georgia, November, 1841. Officers: Rev. J. C. Hope, President, Mr. Berly, Secretary. In reference to our Synod they observe: that they rejoice in our action as regards the diffusion of the Bible, and resolve to act likewise; that they agree with us in our resolution: "to be very guarded as to receiving Clergymen of other denominations, and especially such as may be officiating within the Districts of other Synods;" that they coincide with the first and second resolutions passed in the seventh session at our last meeting; that they have instructed their corresponding Secretary, to open a correspondence with us, and

inform us of their readiness to stand by us in supporting Mr. Heyer in his missionary labors among the Heathen. Their next session will be held in Edgefield District, South Carolina, in the month of November.

2) From the Minutes of the Western District of Ohio it appears: that they have received our Minutes thankfully and with pleasure, and whilst they purpose in future to send us theirs, wish that we may continue to reciprocate; that they have appointed Delegates, to attend this Body, for the purpose of confering as to the publication of our Liturgy.

Synod rejoices in these fraternal sentiments and hopes they may be abiding and increasing.

Report on Minutes of the West Pennsylvania Synod.

This Synod convened in Boalsburg, Centre county, October 1st, 1841. The officers are: Dr. Krauth, President, Pastor A. Lochman, Secretary, and W. German, Treasurer. This Body manifests much zeal for the kingdom of Christ, and consists of 50 members. Congregations 157; baptized 2269; communed 14,928; buried 474; Sunday schools 94. Our Delegate appeared and was received with fraternal kindness. They appointed a Delegate to this Body.

We rejoice in this fraternal relation.

Report on the Treasurer's accounts.

The committee instructed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have the honor to report: that they have done so and found them perfectly correct and satisfactory.

The Receipts of the Synodical Treasury are	$ 223	71½
The Expenditures	133	3½
Balance	$ 90	68
Receipts of the Missionary Treasury	$ 1613	13½
Expenditures	1457	15
Balance	$ 155	98½

The report was adopted.

Resolved: That we gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Br. Kohler in reference to Frey's Institute, and that Br. Schæffer be a committee to confer with the committee of the West Pennsylvania Synod, in this matter, as circumstances may call for.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Br. Friedrich.

Previous to the evening services the Examining committee reported to the President, that they recommend Mr. A. Bauer to the Ministerium.

This evening Pastor Stohlman of New York delivered a discourse on John iii. 1—15. After sermon Messrs. Gockelen, Georgii and Friedrich were solemnly ordained as Pastors, by the officers of Synod, and in accordance with a previous resolution the President read the duties to Mr. A. Bauer, and handed him a Candidate license.

The President thanked the congregation in Lancaster for the hospitality and kindness shown to this Synod.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Br. Brandau.

Candidate Bauer, Pastor Brandau and Mr. Fœll obtained leave of absence.

Pastor Peixoto announced, that the Rev. Senior W. Bætis was this morning attacked with severe illness, which prevented his attendance.

On motion of Pastor Peixoto

Resolved: that Synod sincerely sympathize in the illness of our Father Bætis, and our Brethren consider it their duty to unite in supplication, that the Lord may yet long preserve this worthy soldier of the cross, in the part of his Evangelical Zion, where he now labors with so much blessing.

The committee on the Minutes of the preceeding year reported: that they found nothing contained in them requiring the present action of Synod.

Resolved: that this Synod gratefully acknowledge the efforts of German societies for sending Ministers to the vacant and destitute congregations in this country. But that we cannot approve of the efforts made from thence, to organize the so called Evangelical congregations here. This Synod is not therefore opposed to a union of the Reformed and Lutheran church, providing it can be effected on the true foundation of the unity of the Spirit and agreement in the fundimental truths of the Holy Scriptures. To this effect repeated efforts have been made, but without the desired effect. But where such unions have been individually formed, they have only served

to the introduction of a spirit of infidelity and indifference, and the supplying of such stations, after a vacancy, has been followed by discord and strife. We also entertain the opinion, that an effectual union of the two Churches cannot be accomplished by any influence from without, but must originate from respective Churches of this country. As must be evident to every one on viewing the present circumstances and relations of the Church, the erection of a united Church, instead of effecting a union, would merely be calling into existence a third denomination, standing opposite to the present two Protestant churches.

Resolved: that the Synod regard the diffusion of German scientific works, in America as very desirable and needful, and therefore authorize some of our Brethren to write to Europe, to obtain the co-operation of some of the prominent men, for this purpose.

Resolved: that Pastor Welden translate the Proceedings of Synod into the English language.

Resolved: that the usual number of copies of the Minutes be printed.

In reference to the paper presented by Professor Reynolds, containing the resignation of Messrs. F. Ruthrauff, J. Ruthrauff, Reynolds, G. Heilig and Anspach, and their request for an honorable dismissal, a discussion arose and it was agreed, that the resolution passed in the 3rd session continue in force, but that the President state in the dismissal of the Brothers Ruthrauff, against both of whom, complaints have been lodged before this Body, that the Synod very much regrets, that they did not first appear and justify themselves in reference thereto.

Delegates to other Synods were appointed.

To the Synod of New York—Rev. Dr. Demme, alternate Pastor Schæffer.

To West Pennsylvania—Pastor Schæffer, alternate Rev. Dr. Ernst, and that the Delegate be instructed to confer with the Brethren of that Synod in reference to the proceedings of Mr. Schoch in Reading.

To the German Reformed Synod—Pastor Hæsbært.

The committee on the Minutes of North Carolina and the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, reported: that they contain nothing requiring any action on the part of this Synod.

Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the West, did not report. Synod regrets that this was neglected.

Synod now proceeded to decide the time and place of its next

annual meeting. Invitations were given by the congregations of Philadelphia and the congregation of Pottstown.

The President nominated Pastor Schæffer and Mr. Musser to superintend the election.

The result was, that Synod meet in Philadelphia in the feast of Trinity 1843.

Synod adjourned, and the Ministerium held a session.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The President appointed the Examining committee for the ensuing year, consisting of Rev. Dr. Ernst. Dr. Miller, Pastors Peixoto, Schmidt and Hæsbært.

Resolved: that the Gentlemen sent out as missionaries by the Executive committee, be acknowledged by us for one year.

The Examining committee which had previously recommended Mr. Bauer to the President for licensure, now reported to the Ministerium in writing.

The Examining committee have the honor to report: that they have examined the applicant Mr. Bauer and found him tolerably well versed in Dogmatick, Moral Philosophy, Church History and Exigesis. In the languages he has made a beginning, but it is a commencement only, wherefore the committee would offer the following resolution to the Ministerium: Resolved that a candidate license be given to Mr. Bauer on the condition, that he diligently prosecute his studies in general, and especially apply himself to that of Philology.

C. R. Demme.
J. Miller.
John C. Becker.
W. G. Ernst.
E. Peixoto.

Adopted.

Resolved: that the licenses of Rev. Candidates Nülsen and Erle be renewed.

Resolved: that the Ministerium appropriate two dozen copies of the Liturgy.

The Ministerium adjourned, and after uniting with the President in a fervent prayer to the throne of Grace, the Brethren seperated. May the Allwise and Merciful God direct and prosper all to the welfare of the Church and the glory of his name. Amen.

That the above is a true copy of the proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, convened in Lancaster in the month of May, A. D. 1842,

Witnesseth

H. S. MILLER,

Secretary of the Ministerium.

Names of the Ministers.	Congr.	Baptism.	Confirm.	Communicants.	Died.	Schools Com.	Schools Sund	Monies received Synod.	Monies received Mission.	Names of the Congregations.
Pastor J. P. Hecht										St. Johns, Easton.
Doctor J. Miller	5	217	67	690	65	4	1	$ 5		Reading, Elsass, Spies, Schwarzwald, Springs.
Pastor D. Ulrich	6	134	113	925	52	6		5	$ 5	Tulpehocken, &c.
Doctor W. G. Ernst	3	68		257	21	2	1	4	6	Meyerstown, Bindnagels, Campbellstown.
Pastor W. Bætis	1	51	10	198	14					Zions church,
- Meendsen										Kreidersville, &c.
Doctor J. C. Becker	1	114	62	628	55		2	10	51 62	Trinity church, Lancaster. [Hærters, Drechslers.
Pastor Hemping	8	148	53	835	20	4	1	4	40 35½	Hochwærters, Schwabencreek, Krebs, Steinthal, Werthers, Benders,
- J. P. Schindel	8	184	112	1559	34	3	5	3		St. Peters, Rieds, Zion, Sunbury, Selingsgrove, Raus, Lyconsvalley,
- J. A. Probst										Forks, Saucon, Mount Bethel, &c. [Kratztown.
- G. Minnig		105	58	345	26	5				
- J. J. Strein	4	35		190	31		2	4 82	7	Zion, Michaelis, Johns, Zion.
- C. Miller	7	185	116	1450	47	7	3	5	19	Swamp, Amity, Boyers, Pottsgrove, Berg, Kielers and Sassemans.
- H. Stecher	3	60	21	330	25			3 66	3	Zions, Schup's, Berg church.
- S. Trumbauer	5	93	51	529	26	4		5	12 14½	Zions, Centre, Riemstown, Berg street, New Holland.
- B. German										Saltzburg, Saucon, New Jerusalem, &c.
Doctor Demme and Pastor Reichardt	1	327	53	1489	130	4	4	51 41	* 426	One congregation: three churches, St. Michael's, Zion, St. Pauls.
- Stein	6	130	106	650	55			2	10	Jonestown and vicinity.
- G. Jæger	8	168	98	960	80		1	5	10	Hamburg, Zion, New Jerusalem, Friedens, Pauls, Bethel, Jacobus,
- Abele										No congregation. [Crolls.
- J. W. Eyer	5	131	36	593	27		3	2	10 25	Bloomsburg, Cattawissa, Roarings creek, Fischer's, Mahoning.
- J. W. Richards	1	48	18	358	44		2	5	† 25	St. Michael's, Germantown.
- J. Bahl	8	176	81	570	46			3		Berwick, &c.
- H. S. Miller	5	70	32	750	39	2	3	7	16 55	St. Augustus, Christ, New Jerusalem, Union, Pottstown (English).
- C. P. Miller										
- Kæmmer										Flatland, Hilltown, Williams township, Ridge road.
- J. Jæger	3	117	94	916	37	3	1	5	20	Allentown, Christus, Friedens.
- J. D. Gross										Fayette, Seneca county, New York.

- J. Rœller	8	151	103	1088	32	8		2	2	Masillem, Coxtown, Merz, Longswamp, Maxatawnay, Hereford, Fo-
- Binninger										No congregation. [gelsville, Albany.

-	J. Rœller	8	151	103	1088	32	8		2		2		Masillem, Coxtown, Merz, Longswamp, Maxatawnay, Hereford, Fo-
-	Binninger												No congregation. [gelsville, Albany.
-	Schulze	5	132	12	252	23		1					Immanuels, Trinity, Johns, Nippenose, Valley, Newburg.
-	Jer. Schindel	8	185	195	1877	88	9		2		14		Jordan, Trexlertown, Zuegel, Union, Weisenburg, Lowhill, Heidel-
-	M. Herpel	6	68	93	560	16							Oley, Friedensburg, &c. [berg, Dryland.
-	E. Peixoto	3	95	75	442	32			1		21	33	Old Goshenhoppen, Jndian field, Montg. co. & Tohicken, Bucks co.
-	S. D. Finkel	2	33	38	160	14		2					English Lutheran church, Germantown, St. Pauls, Lower Marion.
-	Dietzsch	3	60	19	184	20	2		5				Friedens, Salem, Zions, Tioga county.
-	J. Hæsbært	1	147	37	1035	53	1	1	5		93	6	Second German Lutheran congregation, Baltimore.
-	C. F. Welden	1	2		106	1		1	7	50			Zion, Chester co.
-	A. Fuchs												Bath, &c.
-	C. W. Schæffer	1	59	29	260	54		2	1		30		Zion, in Harrisburg.
-	Schmidt	1	48	16	441	6	1	1			78		German Lutheran congregation in Pittsburg.
-	Mærz	2	41	21	137	15			2		7	76	Wenrichs, Moria, Dauphin co.
-	W. Minnig	6	135	14	583	87	1	2	2	38	¶ 36		Zion, Jerusalem, Immanuel, New Jerusalem, New Zion, Norwegian
-	E. Minner												[Schoolhouse.
	C. F. Stœver	6	89	61	622	25	4	4	2				Fullmers, Harmony, Paradise, Friedens, Zions, St. Johns.
-	D. Kohler	3	62		281	13	2	1	1				Kutztown, St. Pauls, Bern.
-	Griebler	2	12		72	6	1						Longswamp and New Jerusalem. [Laurelrun, Centreville.
-	Schindel, jr.	7	177	100	956	15	6	3	5		15	36	Black Oak Ridge, Beaver dam, Hassingers, Hesslers, Middlecreek,
-	Geissenhainer	4	37	14	378	11	2	2	2	50	4	50	St. Johns, St. Pauls, Friedens church, M'Keansburg.
-	Gerhart	4	56	16	515	54			2		3		Christ, Maytown, Mountjoy, Berg church.
-	Brandau	1	10	12	246	5		1	1		1		Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Boston.
-	Mealy												Philadelphia.
-	Gockelin	4	63	14	128	28							Friedensburg, Pinegrove, Jacobi, Salems.
-	Friedrich	1	23		49	2	1						Lower Macungie.
-	Georgii												Lehighton, &c.
-	Nuelsen												Elkhart, Ill. and vicinity.
-	Erle	4	17	16	86		5						Friedens, Zion, Bellatemer, Heberle Settlement.

Missionaries sent out last year: Mr. Drude, Quincy, Ill.; Mr. Grassow, Evansville, Ind.; Mr. Jensen, Rockford P. O., Jackson co., Ill.
Annual contributions to the Missionary treasury: $25. Collection: $35 47½.

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* Of this sum $176 are especially appropriated to the West.
† Five dollars whereof are for foreign Missions.
¶ Twenty six dollars for the Heathen Mission.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

(Convened on the 21st and in session until the 25th May, 1842.)

The Missionary Society met at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 21st, 1842, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was called to order by father Bætis, the chairman, and the first two verses of the 129th hymn were sung in praise of "the most high." The chairman followed with an earnest prayer.

The Secretary (Pastor Schmidt) then read the minutes of last year's session, after which an election for officers was held, which resulted as follows:

Rev. WM. BÆTIS, *President.*
" JOHN C. HÆSBÆRT, *Vice-President.*
" F. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*
" C. R. DEMME, D. D., *corresponding Secretary.*
" J. C. BECKER, *Treasurer.*

Directors: Rev. H. S. Miller, G. A. Reichardt, C. Schæfer, J. Ruthrauff, Strein, and Messrs. A. Mühlenberg, Heinitsh, Hæger, Jacob Müller, Duck, and Adam Keller.

Dr. Becker read the annual report of the Executive committee, and the quarterly report of Missionary Nülsen.

Report of the Executive committee of the Missionary society.

In the name of Jesus! Amen.

The blessing of the Lord who never ceased to bless the efforts of his people for the extension of his "Kingdom," was abundantly manifested in the exertions of our society during the past year. Its influence, although established but a few years since, has already extended over a large portion of the "West", where the selfdenying emigrant was destitute of the word of God. Our Missionaries organized a number of congregations, preached to them the word of "Life" and administered the Sacraments; they are actively engaged in establishing good schools, to train young minds in the "fear of the Lord."

The attention of the "Missionary Society" however is not confined to the West. When this society was established, it was determined to spread the "Gospel" by Missionaries in those regions, where there was a destitution of the word of God temporarily to assist those Lutheran congregations, that were unable to support their ministers and to co-operate as early as possible in sending the Gospel to the Heathens. In order to accomplish the last of the above objects, it was, at the last session, "resolved", that we, relying upon the aid of the Lord, will establish a mission among the Heathens.

The Executive committee give the following brief sketch of their transaction, which will show, to what extent the intentions of the society were carried out.

A. Foreign Mission.

The Executive committee appointed Brother Heyer Missionary for East-India, that country having been recommended to them as a proper field for missionary operations. We accordingly corresponded with Br. Heyer upon this subject and succeeded in obtaining his services on the following conditions.

1. Brother Heyer consented to depart for East-India so soon as he should be prepared for the journey, and to begin his operations whereever the Lord would open the way.

2. The society is to pay his travelling expenses.

3. Brother Heyer's salary to be $600 annually. If he should find a smaller sum sufficient, the above will be reduced in proportion to his wants; we promised however to increase it, if inadequate for his maintenance. We advanced $150 for his outfit.

4. He was permitted to expend a moderate sum for the purchase of pictorial representations of biblical history, if he should consider such useful and necessary in the instruction of Heathens.

Brother Heyer departed in October last. A meeting that was held in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, was attended by many of our Brethren. After delivering a sermon, brother Heyer was addressed by the chairman of the committee and dismissed with an earnest invocation of divine protection for his journey and the blessing of God on his labors. October 14th he left Boston for East-India, where he probably arrived in February last.

Brother Heyer received $705 40 cents from our Treasury and $60 from the "Juvenile Missionary society of St. John's congregation, Philadelphia. The latter sum is appropriated for the erection of a school among the Heathens.

B. Home Mission.

In July last Mr. C. G. Bauer, a candidate of theology from Prussia, appeared before us, expressing a desire to be enabled to labor as a Missionary in the West. He was recommended to us by several of our clerical Brethren; as well as by the President of our Synod. We therefore lent him our aid and requested him to go to Evansville via Pittsburg, as Brother Grassow had informed us, that a numerous German settlement in that vicinity was destitute of a minister. Instead however of going to the West he repaired to Boston, where he took charge of a school in Brother Kempe's congregation.

Last August Rev. G. Jensen, who was sent hither by the Missionary society of Stade in the kingdom of Hannover, arrived here, accompanied by Mr. C. Drude, a candidate of theology from ——. We licensed the later and sent both to Brother Wyneken in Fort Wayne. Brother Jensen has taken charge of the congregation in Fort Wayne and of another in the vicinity, until the return of Br. Wyneken from Germany; Br. Drude is stationed at the congregation in Quincy, Ill.

In the beginning of October last the Rev. F. Herman, who had just

arrived from Germany, appeared before us. We sent him to Detroit, where there was a destitute congregation. This congregation received him and the church council several months since sent us a letter, thanking us for having supplied them with a pastor. The letter further stated, that the Rev. Mr. Herman's labors were attended with blessed results and that the congregation was flourishing under his care.

Last year we licensed Br. Grassow and Br. Jensen, the later being recommended by Br. Schmidt.

Br. Nülsen is still laboring in Elkhart and vicinity. He reports to us quarterly. We here annex his last report.

May the Lord bless our efforts for the extension of Christ's kingdom and grant, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the great deep is covered with the waters of the ocean.

Wm. Bætis.
J. Hæsbært.
J. C. Becker.
C. W. Schæffer.
F. Schmidt.

Resolved: that a committee be appointed, consisting of Brethren Haesbaert, Kohler and Schaeffer, to suggest suitable propositions on the annual report of the Executive committee.

A letter was read, written by the Rev. Jensen of Fort Wayne.

Another was produced, written by Candidate Drude of Quincy, Ill. Both were handed to the above committee.

Resolved: that we now adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The session was closed with a hymn and prayer.

Saturday, 3 o'clock P. M.

Session opened with a hymn and prayer by Rev. H. S. Miller.

Br. Haesbaert introduced the following Brethren, who were received as advisory members: Rev. Dr. S. S. Schmucker, J. Ulrich and Fischer of the West Pennsylvania Synod and Rev. Mr. Bahnsen of the Moravian church.

The committee, appointed to review the annual report of the Executive committee, together with several other documents, reported the following through Br. Kohler:

The committee having in charge the annual report of the Executive committee of the Missionary society, together with the last quarterly report of Br. Nülsen, our Missionary and the letters of Brethren Jensen and Drude, report as follows:

a) The committee regret, that Candidate C. G. Bauer, after having received the support of the Missionary society with instructions to repair to the West, neglected to follow their directions and proceeded to Boston, without even assigning satisfactory reasons for so doing.

The committee on the other hand rejoice, that during the past year the labors of our Missionaries in the West were signally blessed and that the resolution of last year's Missionary meeting, "to establish a mission among the Heathens," was carried into effect.

b) It appears from Br. Nülsen's report, that the field in which he has hitherto labored, is too limited to justify a continuation of his

support and labors there. The committee therefore suggest, that the Missionary society assign to him a more suitable field of action; or should he prefer to remain at Elkhart, your committee propose, that he have recourse to the means, mentioned in his report, for his maintenance, inasmuch as our efforts are called for by much larger settlements.

c) Br. Jensen in his letter requests support or a loan of $100 on the Missionary society at Stade, he solicits assistance for the erection of a church in one of his congregations and prays for aid for a poor but pious school teacher in Fort Wayne.

d) Br. Drude's letter from Quincy, Ill., gives an account of his distress and likewise contains a request for support.

Your committee respectfully submit these several requests to your consideration.

J. Hæsbært.
D. Kohler.
C. W. Schæffer.

The above was received for consideration.

Resolved: that ad *a* was received for consideration.

In reference to *b* it was *resolved:* that Br. Nülsen receive $100 for his services during next year, on condition, that his congregations pledge themselves to pay him $200.

Resolved: (in reference to *c*) that Br. Jensen receive $50 as a loan and $50 for his support. His prayer for aid in the erection of a church is referred to the President of the Synod.

Resolved: that we regret our inability to assist the school teacher in Fort Wayne.

Resolved: that we now adjourn to Monday at 8 o'clock. A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, 8 o'clock.

The session was opened with a hymn.

Resolved: (on *d*) that Br. Drude's request be referred to the Executive committee in whom we place great confidence.

Resolved: that the anniversary of this society be celebrated on Tuesday evening next.

Resolved: that we now adjourn for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Closed with prayer by the chairman.

Tuesday, 11 A. M.

The session was opened with prayer and the minutes of the last session having been read, Dr. Demme, the corresponding Secretary verbally reported on the business transacted by him during the past year. His report was unanimously adopted.

A letter from Dr. Morris, Secretary of the German Foreign Missionary society of the General-Synod, was produced, in which he states, that that society may feel inclined to aid in the support of our Foreign Missionary, but regrets, that their constitution prohibits a remission of money to us, by their Executive committee. He expresses a hope, that at their next meeting their constitution may be so amended, as to enable them to co-operate with our society.

Resolved: that all societies and individuals desiring to co-operate with our society in supporting our Foreign Missionary, be requested to do so through us.

Resolved: that we now adjourn for to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.
Closed with prayer.

On Tuesday evening the Missionary society celebrated their anniversary. The celebration was attended by a large audience. Senior Baetis, the chairman of the society, opened the meeting with the reading of a missionary hymn, which was sung by the congregation in praise of the King of Glory. Dr. Ernst then, in a most pathetic prayer, invoked the blessing of heaven on the society. Rev. F. Schmidt read the annual report in the German and Rev. C. Schaeffer in the English language. A German address was delivered by Rev. E. Peixoto, and Rev. Mr. Richards addressed the audience in the English language; both addresses were marked by their power and zeal in the cause of missions. The congregation was dismissed with the blessing of God.

Wednesday 8 o'clock, A. M.

Session opened with prayer.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. S. D. Finkel was appointed Secretary pro temp.

The minutes of the preceeding day were read.

Rev. C. Schaeffer presented letters from Dr. Hazelius and Professor Thümmel, which were read.

On motion of Dr. Becker it was

Resolved: that we heartily rejoice in the offer, made by the South-Carolina Synod, to co-operate in the maintenance of our "Foreign Mission" and that we gratefully accept it.

Resolved: that Br. Stohlmann be added to the Executive committee.

Resolved: that our officers be and are hereby requested to cause a seal to be engraved for the use of the society.

Resolved: that we adjourn sine die.

Br. Stohlmann concluded with prayer.

Attest F. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*